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Councillor upset over continuing allegations

Stanhope Councillor Ann Barker is not happy with the continuing implications that township politicians and staff have done something improper in considering improvements to the public access to Peach (Kabakwa) Lake.

"I am sick and tired of this council being accused of graft and taking bribes," Barker said at the March 8 meeting. "Enough is enough," she declared. Her comments were prompted by a letter from a Peach Lake property owner, Dr. W.D. McNeilly, the latest in a series of letters sent to the municipality and this newspaper, (February 28/00), regarding this issue. (It was pointed out at the meeting that a portion of the letter, in which the writer implied impropriety on the part of the councillors and staff members, did not appear in the newspaper.)

Reeve Eleanor Harrison said she was disappointed that the council's message was not getting through to the lakefront property owners.

The council is examining the possibility of improving vehicle parking and access to the lake. No decision has been made, but this has not stopped letter writers from complaining about the plan and the fact they have been left out of the process. (A headline over the original story stated a decision had been made, although the article accompanying it made it clear the decision on the change was still under consideration.)

"If these people went to the source (the municipality), they would get the right information," Barker said. "They should realize this is not 'their' lake--it belongs to everyone."

Maple syrup in the making

Earl Bartley, of Norland, stokes the fire at the sugar shack owned by his nephew Brian Bartley of Sarnia and brother Jerry Bartley of Norland. The Norland area maple syrup producers have been operating since mid-February. As of this past weekend, they had made 22 barrels or 550 gallons of syrup. See more photos on page 3.



Carnarvon couple wins \$250,000

The telephone has been ringing off the wall at the home of Bud and Diane Thomas of Carnarvon the past few days. Most of the calls are from well-wishers congratulating them on their recent good fortune.

The Carnarvon couple is \$250,000 richer after winning the Encore on last Wednesday's Lotto 649 draw.

"The phone rings about every four minutes," Bud estimated.

Diane explained the sequence of events leading to the win. Bud bought the ticket at

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Diane and Bud Thomas of Carnarvon are seen here with a photocopy of the \$250,000 cheque they picked up Friday in Toronto.

Additional support needed if log chute restoration is to get millennium grant

The restoration of the Hawk Lake log chute is a project the Canada Millennium Committee wants to support, however, before it can provide funding, the local community must raise additional support.

That was the message museum co-ordinator Carol Moffatt brought to the March 8 meeting of Stanhope Council. She told the councillors that while the Millennium Committee liked the proposal, the local committee needs to raise at least one-third of the estimated \$150,000 cost.

"It was sort of a heads up from the millennium committee," co-ordinator Carol Moffatt said. "They wanted us to know that the project appealed to them but that it needed additional com-

munity support if we were going to be considered for a grant." She indicated that because of the historical significance of the restoration, the Millennium Committee looked very favourably on the project. The extra funding must be found by the end of this month.

When the initial appeal was made, the community contributed \$28,750. Moffatt has since raised an additional \$10,000, including a \$5000 contribution from the municipality of Stanhope. She will be taking her case for support to the Haliburton County Council meeting this week.

Reeve Eleanor Harrison commented, "It would be a shame to lose all the effort Carol has put into this project." She indicated she would be speaking in fa-

vour of the council offering support at the county meeting.

In addition to the restoration of the chute itself, the project calls for an interpretive shelter at the observation point, a small park and a parking area.

Once the government agency approves the project, the committee will have to raise an additional \$50,000. Moffatt is confident that once the federal agency supports the effort, it will not be difficult to attract additional funding in cash or gifts in kind and she anticipates that corporate donors would be interested in becoming involved once the federal participation is approved. Moffatt noted that those who make cash donations will receive a tax deductible receipt.



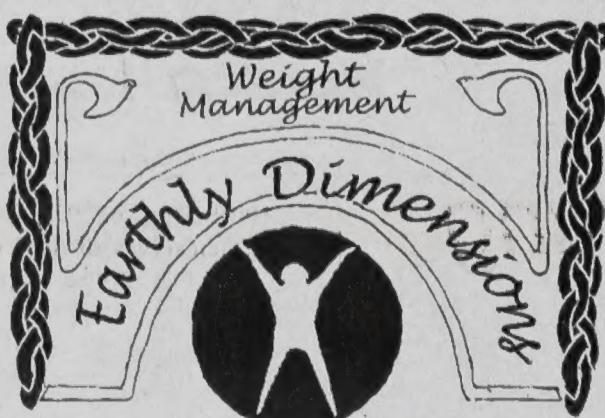
The Stanhope Seniors Club presented the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation with a cheque for \$1,000 at a luncheon at the Stanhope Community Centre on Monday, March 13. The amount represents a total of \$4,000 the Stanhope Seniors have contributed to the Foundation in two years. The largest share of the money was raised by the bid euchre group. On hand for the presentation were, left to right: Mary Hamilton, Lottie Rattan, Stanhope Seniors' President George Hamilton, Foundation Manager Dale Walker and Foundation Chair Gord Monk.

Pedestrian struck on Highway 35

Police are continuing an investigation into a vehicle/pedestrian collision on Highway 35 and Prince Street Friday evening, March 17. A male pedestrian was struck by a northbound car as he attempted to cross the highway sometime after 6 p.m.

The unidentified pedestrian was knocked to the ground and sustained serious injuries. He was transported to Minden Hospital and transferred later to Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay. His condition, and the name of the driver, were not available at press time.

The highway was closed for about four hours Friday evening while police carried out an extensive investigation at the accident scene.



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ABOVE: Three generations of Bartleys - Jerry, his son Brian and grandson Ben are seen here at the family maple syrup operation near Norland. The operation is pipe-lined, feeding sap through a reverse osmosis machine before going into the boiler. The Bartleys have made as many as 1,000 gallons of maple syrup in one season.

LEFT: Brian Bartley puts the syrup through the finisher and filters it before it is canned and ready for sale.

Encore!

(from page one)

The Hub (in Carnarvon) Tuesday night. He checked the tickets back at The Hub Thursday and discovered the win. Friday, the Thomas' went to Toronto to pick up their winnings.

The Thomas' were ushered into a room at the Lotto centre in Toronto and the door was locked behind them. The special room was for winners of \$50,000 or more.

Although he admits he is not a very religious man, Bud is wondering if there wasn't some sort of divine intervention in action, given his circumstances. The win couldn't have come at a better time. Bud has had some medical problems that have prevented him from working at his contracting business for almost a year. The quarter-million dollar windfall eases the financial worries he may have had.

As far as what the couple plans to do with the winnings, Diane said, "We're going to invest it for now."

Bud added that it is in the hands of their accountant, who happens to be a trusted friend.

Summer program hopes to attract young paddlers

by Jennifer Minto, student intern

Haliburton youth will be able to push themselves to the limit this summer in two programs offered by Family Services. Posters are plastered all over HHSS in the hope of intriguing students.

The first program will involve a week of white water kayaking at the Minden Wild Water Preserve. Students will learn the intricacies of manoeuvring a boat through the foaming water, safety and teamwork.

"Very few local young people have the chance to try white water kayaking," says Greg Shantz, project coordinator. "People come from around the world to paddle here. This is an amazing river!" The program is a collaboration between Family Services and the Ontario White Water Association. The OWWA will provide all the equipment in return for maintenance work on the campground at the river.

The second program is an expedition down the Niore River in Western Quebec. The group will spend two weeks navigating this challenging

river through rapids and around waterfalls to the Ottawa River. Shantz says, "this remote river is a perfect learning river. It is hard, but relatively safe, and so remote that the participants will really have to rely on one another."

The programs are for youth ages 13-18. No experience is necessary. Training will be provided. Those interested must register and have an interview with Shantz. An equal number of men and women will be chosen based on their ability to work together. Sue Shikaze, canoe trip leader, noted, "I believe in the value of adventures like these as a way for people to realize their potential."

The cost of each program is by donation.

They have had incredible support from sponsors for these programs, according to Shantz. "No one will miss out because of money." However, more help is still needed he says. "We still need help with transportation to Pembroke for the July canoe trip." Applications are available at Family Services 457-5345, and must be returned to the office by March 23.

Careless smoking blamed for biffy blaze

The Stanhope fire department has been faced with some interesting challenges in its time, but a call last month will probably rank among the strangest.

It was one of five calls reported in Fire Chief John Hogg's report to the municipal council March 8 in what was described as a relatively quiet month. The volunteer brigade was called to extinguish a blaze in an outdoor privy.

The cause of the flaming outhouse is believed to have been careless smoking.

According to the chief, the rustic facility was pressed into use when the indoor conveniences became inoperable. A visitor, possibly lingering in the outhouse with a cigarette, dis-

carded the still burning smoke down the hole, no doubt in the belief that it would self-extinguish.

However, since the privy had not been used in some time, fire chief John Hogg said the "contents" had dried over the years and were ignited by the smouldering cigarette. The fire spread to the frame structure and set the building alight.

The chief noted that since the building did not have a foundation, there was little the fire fighters could save when they arrived on the scene to battle the flames. The fire chief did comment that while he believed his report to be accurate, he had no intention of probing any deeper into the cause of the fire.



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Ladies Auxiliary support

The general account of Minden's Royal Canadian Legion Branch 636 is \$2,000 richer. Ethel Baker, President of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the branch presented a cheque in the amount of \$2,000 to Branch President Maurice Winterflood. Winterflood pointed out that the Branch's account had been depleted when repairs to the heating system had to be made.

Flyers praise warm welcome, cheapest fuel at airport

Stanhope Airport earned high marks from a family which flew across Canada last summer.

The Stewart family story appeared in the March edition of the Canadian Flyer Focus, a newspaper for amateur pilots. The front page article detailed their trans-Canada vacation, starting from their home in Vancouver to the east coast and back. The couple, who were joined for portions of the trip by their two children, were also featured in a photo taken in front of their plane on the apron at the Stanhope Airport.

The couple stopped here to visit with friends who have a cottage in the Highlands. In addition to the warm welcome from airport manager John Packer,

they also praised the Stanhope Airport for having the least expensive aviation fuel anywhere they stopped. "The cheapest fuel we found was 79 cents per litre at Stanhope," the article said.

"Airport manager John Packer pumped the gas and, because we bought fuel, he didn't charge us for parking. That seems like a system designed to encourage you to use the airport. How progressive!" the portion on Stanhope concluded. (The article noted the most expensive aviation fuel on the trip was found in Halifax where it sold for \$1.17 per litre.)

The newspaper was circulated during the Stanhope council's monthly meeting, March 8.

Stanhope budget gets boost from drinkers

The following are items discussed at the March 8 meeting of Stanhope Municipal Council.

Drinkers can take credit for adding \$729 to the Stanhope Municipal budget.

Members of the council were told the municipality was given the money by the Waste Diversion Organization to compensate for the cost of handling non-returnable liquor bottles in its recycling program. There was no indication of how the amount was calculated, but the council was pleased to receive the money anyway.

Looking for help

The council has endorsed a resolution from the Town of North Perth, calling on the provincial government for compensation for lost tax revenue.

The North Perth resolution was prompted by a revenue loss from changes to the managed forest tax rebate program and the changes to agricultural land tax introduced by the province. While Stanhope was not seriously affected by the changes, Reeve Eleanor Harrison noted that the municipality of Dysart had been impacted by the changes. The request for support stated that the loss to Perth County amounted to \$463,000.

Snowmobile trail

The council and the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association will examine the possibility of changing a snowmobile route connecting Boshkung and Kushog lakes. The trail now crosses private property. The owners have requested that it be moved for next season.

The council will examine the possibility of opening a road allowance to accommodate the trail before next season. Reeve Harrison suggested that property owners adjacent to the road allowance should be involved in the discussion.

Councillor Murray Daniels said the road allowance might be unsuitable for a trail. He said the terrain will present a challenge as it is particularly rugged. He also noted that a gate is located on what appears to be the road allowance.

A survey will be needed to determine exactly where the road allowance is located and whether it can be used for the snowmobile trail.

Winter bonus

While the lack of snow may have been a problem for the tourism industry, the municipal budget has benefited. Stanhope clerk Gerald Bain told the meeting that the township road budget was in the black by \$10,000 at the end of 1999. He said most of the surplus could be traced to a reduction in snow removal costs this winter.

Pitch advice

The council will seek professional input before spending any more money on the township's soccer fields.

The organizer of the Stanhope Soccer League, Joan Sobil, asked in a letter for the council to support an upgrading of the fields next to the community centre. It was pointed out that last year there were 180 players registered in the program and its popularity continues to grow, however the fields are in need of a major overhaul. This year's soccer season begins June 20.

While agreeing that the quality of the fields have improved over the four years of the program with regular maintenance, Councillor Jim Hicks said the council needed advice on how to do it so the changes are permanent. He suggested that spring may be the wrong time of the year to do the work as there is little time for the grass to get established before the players take to the fields. He said the improvements might have a better result if completed in the fall.

Reeve Eleanor Harrison said, "The only way to make a good soccer field is to not use it for a year... this is a major job." She said the field needed more than an annual 'top dressing' (of top soil) to make it a good soccer field.

Councillor Tom Gardner suggested the municipality contact turf experts, such as those who manage golf courses, for suggestions on how to improve the grass. He added "It would be terrible to

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SERIOUS INJURIES: A single vehicle accident on March 13 near the West Guilford turn on Highway 118 resulted in serious injuries to 25 year-old Guilford Township resident Gregory Stamp. Police say Stamp was eastbound on Highway 118 when he lost control of his 1999 Ford Escort. The vehicle left the highway and struck a rock cut. Stamp is reported to have suffered several broken bones and lacerations. He was transported by ambulance to the Haliburton Hospital and from there, transferred to St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto, where he remains in the intensive care unit, in stable condition.

Assault leads to weapons search

A total of 21 charges, including weapons offences, threatening, assault and possession of stolen property were laid as a result of an investigation into a domestic assault March 13.

The police were called to an Anson Township residence when a woman complained of an assault by her husband. The man was arrested and is being held in custody. During the course of the investigation 12 long guns and three hand guns were seized.

The police returned to the residence March 16 with a search warrant. The search involved the OPP identification unit, canine unit, the explosives disposal unit and other officers who were acting on information that additional firearms and ammunition might be located on the property.

The man charged with the offences was being held in custody in Lindsay until a bail hearing scheduled for tomorrow. *(more on page 15)*

Board responds quickly following gun incident

In the wake of a report of students transporting a gun to school in Muskoka, administrators are taking decisive action to ensure a safe school environment. The two grade 8 students, who attended Monck Public School in Bracebridge, are under arrest. The incident is under investigation by the OPP.

According to the report, the two students were overheard by a crossing guard as they talked about a gun in a gym bag one was carrying, on their way to school. The guard alerted police, however a search of the school failed to find any weapons. Subsequently, other students told police they had in fact seen the gun at the school and police searched the homes of the two students. A weapon was seized.

"The community also has a responsibility to work with the board to ensure a safe learning environment in our schools," says Paul Doiron, superintendent of schools responsible for the

Muskoka area. "Bringing guns to school is totally unacceptable and action was taken immediately to reinforce that."

"We appreciate the support of the community, and are impressed that students came forward with information in this incident," says Evelyn Brown, director of education.

"We hope this will act as a reminder to parents to keep guns locked away. Hunting is an important part of our heritage in this area, and we know responsible hunters keep their guns out of the reach of children."

Brown also urged parents to talk about guns with their children, reminding them of the potential danger involved. "If we're going to keep guns out of our schools as we have in the past, the effort must start with parents." She encouraged all parents who own guns to double-check that they are safely stored away as required by law.

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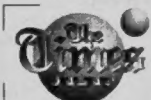


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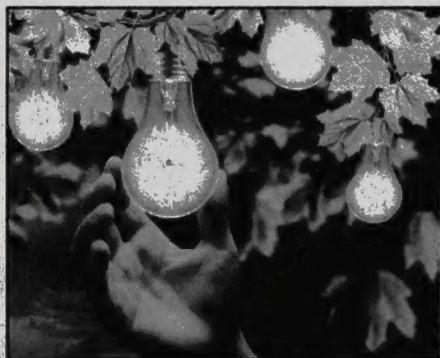
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Editorial

Rambling into spring

We have always thought the Haliburton Highlands were a special place to live...and never moreso than at this time of the year.

Spring brings with it the reawakening of the world around us. Jagged V's of geese arrow across the sky, the forested hillsides are alive with the rustle of new life and the rivers run with renewed vigour and promise. Beyond the natural world, which should be enough to re-energize any post-hibernating biped, the pace of human activity quickens as well. We have witnessed lawns raked to a clean nap and gardens being exam-

ined in anticipation of the annual ritual of nurture and harvest.

In the world of commerce, businesses are well past the point of preparing for the return of the busy summer season. Many have already made appearances at trade shows in "the city" hoping to lure some of the growing prosperity to this part of the country. Indeed, we always seem to be a year or two behind any economic growth spurt. It always takes a little longer for new wealth to filter north to our economy, an economy which relies heavily on the service sector. Simple econom-

ics tell us that if the Haliburton Highlands is not an attractive and desirable destination, we all feel the impact.

So here is to a long and gentle spring with an equally salubrious summer. Here's to gas prices that do not make people think twice about discovering our part of Ontario. Here is to a community that knows how great it is to live in the Highlands and is willing to share it with those who treat it with kindness and respect. Here's to a new beginning, one that will never end.

jb

Most waste can be recycled

Editor:

I was astonished to read recently that a member of Anson, Hindon and Minden Council would actually have five bags of garbage to take to the landfill site. That is five months of "real" garbage for my household. By real garbage, I refer to that which cannot be recycled or composted.

Citizens in this municipality are fortunate to have such a comprehensive program of recycling. Most paper products, plastic, cardboard and metal containers can be placed in the bins.

When I visit the Minden Landfill, I see much that could be recycled at the actual landfill location: bottles, plastic, boxes and paper products. I often pick up the recyclables that I can reach and transfer them to the appropriate locations.

It has been estimated that 80% of household waste is recyclable. In my house our non-recyclables are mainly contaminated plastic and mixed material containers (frozen juice cans). Even these can be crushed to take up less space.

Education is a big factor in recycling, with the best location for educating being the landfill face itself. Moving the

attendant's house to the actual landfill site would offer the attendant an opportunity to help those in need of more information about recycling their household waste. Those who recycle would continue to use the bins at the front. They are already educated and conscientious. Requiring clear bags would help the attendant to point out further opportunities to recycle to everyone.

We cannot afford not to recycle as much as we can. The cost of a new

landfill site, if one could be found that meets all the regulations, will be tremendous. If we have to ship our waste elsewhere it would be worse. We all need to do our part to lengthen the life of our existing landfills. To not recycle to the maximum is really only laziness for which we will all pay. In addition, I polled some friends in Toronto and no one who I spoke to gets garbage service three times a week.

Eric Lilius,
Minden.

A great opportunity

Editor:

Having recently moved to Haliburton County I was disappointed that my children could not continue their French Immersion Education. After reading the letter (*Une class fancaise s'il vous plait*, March 6/00) from Michelle Bromely, with the positive attitude from the School Board about bringing French Immersion to the County, I am hoping that my children will get a chance to keep up with their French heritage here in the county of Haliburton.

After a brief call with Michelle Bromely I learned that the School Board is having an important information meeting on Monday, March 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the J.D. Hodgson Elementary School in Haliburton to answer all concerns about French Immersion in the county.

Giving our children the chance to receive their education in both of Canada's official languages is a tremendous advantage. Let's bring French Immersion to Haliburton County.

Carole (St-Gelais) Walli,
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High petroleum prices not due to federal taxes

Editor:

Like my constituents, I am concerned by the increase in gasoline and diesel prices. The current situation affects us all as individual and business consumers.

This recent increase in the price of gasoline, diesel fuel and home-heating oil is caused by the rise in the world price of crude oil. In fact, the price of crude per barrel has more than doubled over the past year and is at the highest level in a decade. The increase is all the more noticeable because in 1998, crude prices were at a decade low.

Canada is not in a position to dictate the world price of crude oil. The situation has been attributed to oil refiners' low inventories and the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries' decision to reduce production.

In Canada, through the Competition Bureau, we maintain and encourage a fair marketplace to ensure competitive prices for all consumers. However, the federal government does not control the price or distribution of most goods and services sold in Canada, including gasoline, diesel and home heating oil.

Only provincial governments have the jurisdiction to regulate gasoline, diesel, and home heating oil prices. At present, only Prince Edward Island and Quebec have taken action. In the past, both Nova Scotia and Ontario have chosen to regulate prices. In Ontario in 1975, for example, the provincial government imposed a freeze on the price of gasoline and home heating oil, delaying by ninety days a five-cent per gallon increase.

In closing, I would like to address the issue of federal taxes on fuel.

Canada has the lowest federal excise tax on diesel fuel and the second lowest excise tax on gasoline amongst the major industrialized countries. Federal taxes on gasoline and diesel fuel are fixed and do not fluctuate with price changes. Of the increase in the pump price of diesel fuel, only about 0.5 cents per litre is related to federal taxes - the GST/HST. Revenues from this source are not substantial, because most diesel fuel is used by businesses which recover the GST/HST they pay as an input tax credit. Together, the excise tax and GST/HST on diesel fuel, for example, put Canadian federal taxes on a par with taxes in the U.S.

John O'Reilly,
Member of Parliament Haliburton-Victoria-Brock

Immersion classes would strain school budget

Editor:

When we moved to Haliburton County in 1993, after spending six years in northern Ontario, we too were disappointed that French Immersion was not available in this area. While we remain supportive of the provision of French Immersion as an educational option, we have some serious concerns about implementing such a program based on our current fiscal realities.

As most people in the province are aware, over the past five years cuts to

the education budget have been both drastic and dramatic. As parents, our primary concern remains the provision of a quality classroom education for ALL children. As parents with a history of involvement at our local school, we have seen an increase in the distance that children must walk to catch their buses, and substantial cuts to the Guidance, Physical Education, Instrumental Music and Library staffing. Our classroom sizes have increased. Combine this with the rigorous new curriculum, and the ever

increasing demands on the classroom teacher's time, and we have a potential formula for disaster. Can we afford to burden our already stressed educational system by implementing the added cost of French Immersion?

We have seen an increase in the number of students needing Special Education assistance. Due to the government's complex formula for assigning Educational Assistants, some students with special needs are only provided with an E.A. for half of the

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No problem a-tall

Well, I see that Short Guys are getting shafted again. Funny. Thanks to the current epidemic of Political Correctness it is an offence just this side of plane hijacking to make mock of anyone's race, nationality, sexual orientation, political affiliation, or religion.

But short guys? Hey. Sock 'em with your best shot.

A few years ago, the songwriter Randy Newman had a smash hit with an acidic little ditty entitled Short People. (Basic message - short people are insignificant). There's an Elmore Leonard novel called "Get Shorty" which got turned into a Hollywood movie of the same name. The "Shorty" of the title was played by Danny DeVito, who is, guess what? Yep. Knee high to a fire hydrant.

Bad enough that short guys get the short end of the stick in the humour department - now scientists are wading in with evidence that short guys get short-changed in the romance department too. A study conducted by a team of Polish and British researchers has concluded that tall men are sexually more attractive and have more children than short guys.

"Absolute nonsense" declares John Hemphill, a men's wear salesman in Toronto. "I've done alright for myself. In fact, I'd like to think short men have

more sex appeal than tall men do."

Mister Hemphill is five-foot-two.

"Total BS" declares Scott Matalon. He claims all a guy needs is a resonant, confident voice to charm the ladies. "You have to keep talking and talking to get women's attention. We make up for our height (or lack of it) with our personalities."

Mister Matalon is five-foot-three.

Hey - as a guy who was five-foot-two until he was 16, I am not sneering, believe me. I grew up wincing under nicknames like 'Shortstuff' and 'Shrimp'.

I don't know why I took shortness as an insult. Napoleon was five-foot-six. Nikita Krushchev was five-three.

Queen Victoria? Empress of an Empire On Which The Sun Never Set? Five-feet even.

John Keats? One of the greatest poets in the English language? Didn't even hit the five-foot mark.

Alas, facts seldom get in the way of a stereotype. A few years back, an American shrink wrote a book called Too Small, Too Tall. It was an in-depth study of all the US Presidential elections between 1904 and 1984 - focusing specifically on the height of the candidates. Conclusion: the taller candidate made it into the Oval Office more than 80 percent of the time.

Which is too bad. Think of some of the lanky boneheads that occupied that office.

Best short-guy putdown I ever heard? From the lips of David Lloyd George, British Prime Minister and Statesman. Once, as an after dinner speaker, he was introduced by an emcee this way: "I had expected to find Mister Lloyd George a big man in every sense, but you see for yourselves that he is quite small in stature."

Lloyd George came to the lectern, pulled himself up to his full five-foot-one, looked down at his introducer and purred: "Where I come from, we measure a man from his chin up. You, evidently, measure from his chin down".

Short, tall - who cares? There's a famous old quote from Sophie Tucker that goes "I've been rich and I've been poor - and rich is better."

Well, I've been short and I've been (relatively) tall - and I can tell you, aside from attitudes, it doesn't matter a scrap.

Sometimes I think that all the anti-short jokes are just jealousy. That fellow, Scott Matalon, I mentioned earlier - five-foot-three? His high school sweetheart was a six-foot model. Loved to slow dance. So did Scott.

Think about it.

Etcetera
Arthur Black

French immersion should not cut into existing class resources

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day, thus suggesting that their special learning challenges "disappear at lunchtime." It is imperative that society ensures that the needs of the most vulnerable of our children are adequately met. While we are not personally the parents of special needs children, we are aware of the heartache that this group of parents must feel at the current marginalization of their children's needs.

It has been our experience in the seven years that we have had children involved in the local school system, that our children's teachers have been hard-working, dedicated individuals who have the children's best

interests at heart.

The unfortunate fact in our current society is that we have to pay for what we value. While certain basic needs are still provided, we are required to contribute financially when we desire more than the minimum. The question we must ask ourselves is, does a French Immersion education in a basically unilingual community in Central Ontario qualify as basic and if so at what financial cost? Parents in general seem to have accepted the fact that if they wish for their children to have other beneficial extras (dance, music, sports, etc.) they will have to pay. Maybe this is the direction we should be

looking at, although this would clearly be a step in the direction of Charter Schools (a system where each parent receives a basic education credit and then is free to supplement this with additional funds to purchase for their children the education they desire and can afford.)

In conclusion, we are not opposed to the implementation of French Immersion, if it can be clearly demonstrated that this would not result in the loss of any of our current "very limited" classroom resources.

**Julie and Terry Goodwin,
Minden.**

Shenanigans at Laxton, Digby and Longford?

Editor:

I thought it was time to bring you up to date on some of the shenanigans going on at the Laxton, Digby and Longford Council meetings.

Laxton, Digby and Longford Council previously voted to support the two tier form of local government and to support the amalgamation of Somerville and Bexley along with themselves. Based on these decisions, a Restructuring Committee was struck from the three Townships and it was to contain two members of council and one member from the public. Implied approval was therefore given to this committee to act on behalf of the Councils.

At the council meeting on Tuesday, Febru-

ary 15, Mr. Diebel and Mr. Robertson tried to stop payment for the LDL participants services on the Restructuring Committee. Their motion claimed they had not seen or approved the minutes of this Committee. Therefore, they did not have to pay for the services. The minutes from the committee meetings had been given to the Clerk but, had not yet been presented to a council for approval. The minutes were then approved and Mr. Diebel's motion was defeated. At the same council meeting, another motion moved by Mr. Diebel, seconded by Mr. Robertson and carried by Mr. Macklem, "deferred any more participation of the LDL Amalgamation Committee members until after the final decision of the Commissioner." In effect they shut down any united council participation for LDL in any upcoming amalgamation meetings.

Two of the three Townships involved in the Restructuring Committee had voted to support a legal challenge against Professor Kitchen and the Provincial Government regarding the principal of "forced restructuring".

At the March 14 LDL Council meeting, Councillor White made a motion to offer financial support to the now five Councils named in the litigation challenge. Mr. Diebel introduced a "Motion to Defer" in an attempt

to stop any discussion on the subject but this was defeated. The voting went as follows for Councillor White's motion: Diebel-no; Macklem-no; Robertson-no; Dunnett-yes; White-yes.

The motion was defeated. The Reeve even went so far as to chastise the Restructuring Committee for having the audacity to let the Public Members and Secretary appear before the Commissioner for the final meeting. I wonder what he was afraid of? After all, they were there for the first meeting with the Commissioner. Sure doesn't sound like all LDL Councillors support amalgamations that are, "Made in Victoria".

The business of council should be running local government and supporting the public wishes. At the public meeting of January 8, the majority of people made it clear they wished to support local amalgamation and not forced restructuring. It is too bad that some members of council have chosen to ignore the public's wishes. I don't feel they really understood what they did. In my opinion they have indirectly supported the Reeve in his quest for single tier government. I would ask everyone to remember what has happened when and if we have another local election.

**Warren Grant,
Kirkfield.**

Buckets of thanks for a deluge of help

Editor:

This letter is a thank you to the people who came to my aid, during the flash flood last Friday evening about midnight.

What a frightening experience to waken and find water swirling across my lawn, and around my home. The Minden firemen were wonderful, and carried my cat and myself to their big fire truck and took us to dry ground, where I was met by Jim Burton. In haste I did not close my door or put any lights out and the Fire Chief came back to lock up for me.

Carol and Ken Cox along with daughter Katy and friend, Tanya Hunter, came with industrial vacuums. My daughter Susan and Carol worked all day to get my crawl space dry again, and the lovely teenagers crawled in and pulled out sodden boxes of whatever. Thank you so much to them and to Sue and Carol for their moral support.

Thank you to the people who brought all sizes of pumps, and to the friends who phoned to see if I was OK or if they could help in any way.

**Lorraine King
Prince St.,
Minden.**

Editor:

Allow me to clear up some misunderstandings concerning my position on the restructuring of Victoria County. My choices, in order of preference are:

- 1...Somerville/Bexley/LDL
- 2...North Victoria/South Victoria & Lindsay (3 separate single tier municipalities)
- 3...One tier Government

After the Commissioner had basically dismissed the Somerville/Bexley/Laxton proposal as being completely financially inaccurate and misleading, I publicly stated at the Lindsay afternoon meeting and the Bobcaygeon evening meeting, that I would support and prefer the concept of three separate municipalities with no upper tier. The one view was my last choice. The two tier as proposed by Harry Kitchen in his report would leave the lower tier with the privilege of being responsible for catching dogs, fighting fires and cutting grass, with no repre-

sentative, such as the reeve, meeting on the upper tier. In other words "you would take the flack, but not be part of the decision making process. Thanks but no thanks!"

Five Townships, led by Somerville and Fenelon Township have now applied to have an "injunction" stop the Kitchen report from being implemented. It is quite easy for these reeves to spend tax dollars on the premise that the majority of people are supporting them. I attended the four meetings the Commissioner held with no more than a combined total of 500 from a total population of about 70,000.

Fenelon Village Council advertised with a quarter page ad for a meeting and only 13 people attended, six from the rural areas.

We all remember the delay and extra costs created by the Save Our Schools Committee. It would appear the same results are rearing their ugly heads once again. The S.O.S. Committee carried on a valiant fight, but

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Listen to the majority

Sports

Minor Hockey AGM

The annual General Meeting of the Minden Minor Hockey Association will be at the arena on March 23 at 7 p.m.

1999-2000: a successful season for Minden Atoms

by Andy Lennox

Deseronto 4, Minden 3

The All-Ontario Atom semifinal series between the Minden Monarchs and Deseronto Bulldogs continued in Minden March 10 with the third game of the best-of-five round.

Deseronto came out flying at the start of game three and tested Minden goaltender David Muir early. Seven minutes into the first period Deseronto drew first blood when a rebound was knocked into the goal during a goal-mouth scramble. Undaunted, Minden evened the score four minutes later when Aaron Keaney picked the corner from the slot. However, Deseronto regained the lead barely a minute later when a nice passing play resulted in a clear shot which found the twine over a sprawling Mike Lennox.

The Monarchs then ran into some serious penalty trouble and were two men short to start the second period. But Deseronto failed to capitalize on the opportunity. The teams battled for much of the second period with no scoring from either side. Deseronto received a very large break with five minutes left in the second period when a sharp angle shot deflected off a Minden defender and angled just under the crossbar.

Deseronto found itself with another man advantage to start the third period and the Bulldogs used this one to their advantage when they set up a blast from the point which found the top corner of the net after passing through a maze of players in front. At 4-1, things looked pretty bleak for the Monarchs. However, the never-say-die Monarchs began yet another comeback. Within a minute they closed the gap to two when Adam Googh

picked the corner after receiving a Keaney feed. With four minutes left in the game, Cody Mills rapped one home from the slot with Keaney again assisting.

This heartbreaker of a game ended in a 4-3 victory for Deseronto, but I give the Monarchs full

five minutes of the fourth game of the series, in Minden on March 11. The Monarchs held the territorial edge while peppering some shots at the Deseronto goal. However, a Deseronto power play, this one five minutes into the game, again proved to be a fateful turning point. The Bulldogs scored on the opportunity, and scored two additional goals in the next two minutes as they dominated the play. However, Minden recovered some composure when Keaney scored late in the first with assists from Zac Joanu and Adam Googh.

Alas, Deseronto dominated the first three minutes of the second, scoring three unanswered goals. The Monarchs' season was starting to come to a close. Keaney would score two more, and Joanu and Cody Mills would add singles but Minden would never get close in this high scoring game.

Deseronto won the game 9-5 and took the series by a 3-1 margin in games.

Dressing Room Pride

There was not a lot of happiness in the dressing room after that game, but all the players knew deep down that they had just finished a wonderful season. A total of 35 "D" center teams competed in their division and the Monarchs made it to the final four, defeating some pretty good teams along the way to get there.

There isn't, and never was, any quit in this team which many times came from behind to snatch victory away from strong opposition. These kids stuck together amidst all the pressure of the season's highs and lows and showed a lot of character for a bunch of 10, 11 and 12 year-olds. The dressing room was always a fun place to be.

It was a year of hockey that many people will remember fondly for a long time.



JUGGLING ACT: Minden goaltender Mike Lennox had to be on his toes to make the save on this Deseronto shot. The Monarchs finished off a successful season with a pair of home games.

marks for the grit and effort shown in this one.

Deseronto 9, Minden 5

The season-long story is a happy one, but the ending is not. Minden came out strong for the first

Novice B Monarchs edged 4-3 by Mariposa

Minden's Novice B Monarchs hockey team came close to a win in a recent game, but ended the game with a disappointing 4-3 loss.

Mariposa 4, Minden 3

The Monarchs led for much of the game, February 29 in Minden, against Mariposa, but the visitors notched two goals late in the game to grab the win.

The first period was almost over when Ashton Haley scored for Minden. Daniel Langpohl assisted.

Early in the second frame (the 38 second mark), the visitors notched the equalizer. The score remained tied until the 6:37 mark, when Matt Robins scored to give Minden a 2-1 lead. Haley and

Langpohl assisted.

With 12 seconds remaining in the period, Mariposa scored to tie the game once again.

A minute and a quarter into the third, Kelsey Pierson gave Minden its third lead of the game. Taryn Robins set that one up.

Before the third period was over, Mariposa scored twice to eke out a 4-3 win.

Beaverton 5, Minden 2

The Beaverton Novice B hockey team was in Minden for a game on March 11. This was the first game of the Tri-County Novice round robin finals between Minden, Beaverton and Manvers.

It took Beaverton just under a minute to open the scoring. By the three minute mark, the visitors were in front 2-0.

Beaverton added another unanswered goal in the middle frame, taking a 3-0 lead into the third. Another pair of Beaverton goals put the visitors in front by a 5-0 count.

But the Monarchs didn't give up without a fight. Minden finally found the mark as the brother and sister duo of Matt and Taryn Robins connected, each with an unassisted marker. Matt's goal was a short-handed marker. It seemed to give the home team a lift, but it was too late and the rally fell short. Beaverton went home with a 5-2 win.

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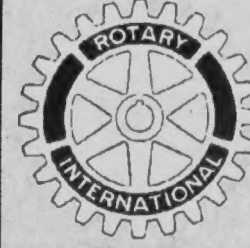
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Ski season is over, annual meeting is coming up

Despite the denials of skiers around the province the reality dawns: the ski season really is over, what'll we do now?

Nordic Notes

by Blake Paton

attend the meeting if you're a club member because it helps keep the club strong and vital in the commu-

The first thing to do is to attend the Haliburton Ski Club's annual general meeting at the clubhouse in Glebe Park on Saturday, March 25 at 3 p.m. A brief meeting will be followed by a quick cleanup of our equipment around the park. It is important to

nity.

Don't keep your great ideas to yourself; share them with the rest of your skiing friends. Also, attending is the only way to make sure you won't be "volunteered" for a job you don't want!

The next thing to do is to make sure your skis are stored properly for summer.

For classic skis, scrape off the grip wax and use a wax remover to clean off the remnants of the old wax. Then find a glide wax and iron in a thick coat along the glide areas of the ski.

For skating skis, just iron in a thick coat of a soft glide wax (i.e., wax for warm spring temperatures) and store them in a safe place.

If you notice that you picked up some scrapes on your bases, then now is the time to sand down abra-

sions and fill scratches with p-tex, which can be purchased from any good sports store.

If you think your skis need to be revitalized, then consider getting the bases stone ground. Larger stores (like Pecco's in Ottawa) can use their specialized machinery to make your bases look like new. When you compare the \$25 it costs for stone grinding to the cost of a new pair of skis, then the choice is fairly clear.

Finally, get your summer activity plans together, so that you can start next season with a good fitness level. Why not plan a challenge right now? Having a goal (like running a 10km race or a half-marathon, or maybe doing a bike trip) will help give you the motivation you need to enjoy next winter to the fullest.

I have been assured by the snow gods that they will not let us down next season.

Luke Lester top Semi-Pro class Polaris driver

Nineteen year-old Luke Lester, riding his Jansen's of Muskoka, Ontario Snowmobiler/SUPERTRAX Polaris Indy Edge, scored his most successful indoor sno-cross results this year at the Toronto Air Canada Centre's Indoor Sno-Cross event.

Luke used the excellent preparation and set-up provided by his mechanic Tim George to pull a solid holeshot in his first round qualifier. Needing a second place to transfer directly to the Semi-Pro Open final, Luke carved up the indoor oval track. At the midpoint of in his qualifier, Luke hit a jump which sent him sideways, causing him to slip off the sled and twist his ankle when he landed. This allowed one sled to squeak by, but Luke remounted and charged right to the finish, holding down a solid second place and a ticket to the front row of the final.

In the Semi-Pro Open final, Luke squeezed the trigger on his Open Indy and had to brake hard to avoid a downed rider in the first turn. Not phased by

this delay, he catapulted his Polaris Edge into fifth place and then steadily made up ground on the competition. The tiny indoor circuit provided little room for passing, but Luke used his driving skill and the power of his sled to chew away at traffic and thread his way to a strong third place finish at the checkers. Luke was the top finishing Polaris driver in the Semi-Pro division.

Luke acknowledged the support of his sponsors.

"Without their help, AJ and I could not have achieved the results we have this season," he said. He also offered special thanks to crew chief Jeff Babineau, who is widely known as "the Czar of Staging."

Luke is currently in second place in the Canadian Sno-Cross Racing Association (CSRA) National Indoor Sno-Cross Series, Semi-Pro division.

AJ Lester is currently in second place in the CSRA's National Outdoor Series, Sport division.

CSRA outdoor sno-cross competition is slated to resume March 25 and 26 at the Talisman Mountain Ski Resort near Owen Sound.

Minor Hockey annual meeting

Minden Minor Hockey will be holding its annual general meeting Thursday, March 23 at 7 p.m. at the Minden arena.

The Association will elect its executive members for the 2000-01 season at the meeting. Anyone interested in serving on the executive should attend.

Any suggestions for changes to the Association's by-laws must be submitted in writing at the meeting.



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Michelle Moore rolls 343 single

Legion 636 Mixed League

High average: Fred Knight 185; Leitha Kuchalema 167

High single: Eric Stearns 250; Maxine Cross 203

High single (handicap): Eric Stearns 294; Lynne Kusmenko 280

High triple: Fred Knight 596; Maxine Cross 523

High triple (handicap): Eric Stearns 707; Maxine Cross 688

Monday Night Mixed League

(March 6)

High average: Scott Moore 237; Michelle Moore 204

High single: Craig Philip 240; Michelle Moore 289

High single (POA): Craig Philip +77; Michelle Moore +85

High triple: Craig Philip 590; Michelle Moore 721

High triple (POA): Craig Philip +101; Michelle Moore +109

Monday Night Mixed League

(March 13)

High average: Scott Moore 238; Michelle Moore 204

High single: Al Clement 265; Tracy Cole 200

High single (POA): Doug Schell +41; Tracy Cole +46

High triple: Scott Moore 834; Michelle Moore 621

High triple (POA): Bill Hogg +47; Teresa Clement +53

Tuesday Afternoon Seniors' League

High average: Bob Bullen 190; Theresa Fox 165

High single: Nev Whiteside 223; Eleanor Young 192

High single (handicap): Nev Whiteside 272; Eleanor Young 243

High triple: Nev Whiteside 541; Eleanor Young 480

High triple (handicap): Dalton Flatt 713; Hilde Kieckhoeffer 638

Tuesday Night Mixed League

(March 7)

High average: Walt Stegmaier 229; Cathy Snell 236

High single: Norm Goldenberg 280; Cathy Snell 246

High single (handicap): Al Eskelin 291; Joanne Robinson 291

High triple: Al Eskelin 741; Cathy Snell 645

High triple (handicap): Charlie Teljeur 741; Joanne Robinson 753

Thursday Night Mixed League

(March 2)

High average: Scott Moore 229; Michelle Moore 216

High single: Stuart Vanderburg 271; Michelle Moore 343

High single (handicap): Stuart Vanderburg 341; Michelle Moore 352

High triple: Doug Reinwald 674; Michelle Moore 819

High triple (handicap): Doug Reinwald/Dennis Cox 722; Michelle Moore 846

Thursday Afternoon Seniors' League

High average: Ray Lymer 197; Helen Dentinger/Janice Hughes 263

High single: Vic Ballik 253; Alice Smallwood 263

High single (handicap): Vic Ballik 296; Alice Smallwood 324

High triple: Vic Ballik 628; Alice Smallwood 601

High triple (handicap): Vic Ballik 754; Alice Smallwood 784

Men's Match Play

(March 8)

High average: Scott Moore 243

High single: Len Punt Jr. 334

High single (handicap): Len Punt Jr. 352

High triple: Walt Stegmaier 693

High triple (handicap): Len Punt Jr. 776

Men's Match Play

(March 15)

High average: Scott Moore 244

High single: Len Punt Sr. 272

High single (handicap): Eric Burk 291

High triple: Eric Burk 704

High triple (handicap): Len Punt Sr. 689

Second schedule playoffs under way

by Sandy Cole

The Minden Curling Club cookbook is now ready for sale. You can pick up your copy at the bar or from any executive member. Get yours today and remember to get one for your friend too!



The OCA Mixed and Senior Mixed zone playdowns were held this past weekend. What a great time to watch some excellent curlers in action.

Remember to participate in this year's election. Your vote is important to your club, let's make it the best it can be!

The second schedule playoffs are now under way. Spectators can come out and watch the teams duel it out for top spot.

The junior mixed bonspiel is March 26 and will mark the end of this year's program.

League Scores for March 6 to 10.

Monday Night Ladies
Sandy Cole 10, Irene Alexander 6
Melanie Vigrass 13, Sharon Kernohan 5
Pat Campbell 8, Cheryl Murdoch 5
Pat Woodcroft 12, Gail Grainger 2

Tuesday Night Mens
Jason Scott 12, Dave McAdam 5
Ted Wilkes 13, Bill Roodenburg 3
Rob Eaton 9, Alf Trotter 3
Dwight Thomas 10, Jack Woodcroft 5

Thursday Night Mixed
Ross Davies 10, Cheryl Murdoch 7
Gail Grainger 12, Jason Scott 4
Melanie Vigrass 9, Keith Oitment 1
Alf Trotter 6, Pat Woodcroft 5
Ted Wilkes 9, Gord Wood 8

Friday Night Mixed
Paul Prentice 16, Murray Cooper 4
Bill Roodenburg 10, Sharon Kernohan 4
Cheryl Murdoch 7, Rob Eaton 5

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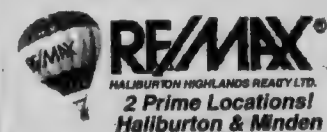
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Jake Walker rolls 224 in YBC Bantam League

Youth Bowling Council

Smurf

High average: Bailey Cole 62
High single: Bailey Cole 67
High double: Bailey Cole 132

Peewee

High average: Eric Whitty 108; Hillary Anderson 92
High single: Eric Whitty 127; Karen Prozak 111
High double: Eric Whitty 218; Hillary Anderson 213

Bantam

High average: Jake Walker 124; Brandy Cole 121
High single: Jake Walker 224; Brandy Cole 162
High triple: Jake Walker 552; Brandy Cole 418

Junior

High average: Brad Mickle 173; Lesley Cox 144
High single: Alan Clement 196; Lesley Cox 159
High single (handicap): Jeremy Upton 246; Corinne Hogg 193
High triple: Jeff Mickle 516; Lesley Cox 409
High triple (handicap): Jeff Mickle 639; Corinne Hogg 508

355 single rolled by Ken Thompson

Tuesday Afternoon Mixed League

High average: Ken Thompson 232; Lillian Mattsson 169
High single: Ken Thompson 355; Jean Pugh 269
High single (handicap): John Pugh 367; Jean Pugh 324
High triple: Ken Thompson 950; Jean Pugh 604
High triple (handicap): Ken Thompson 950; Jean Pugh 796

Wednesday Afternoon Mixed

High average: Ken Thompson 236; Marie Thompson 189
High single: Avar Edwards 281; Jean Pugh 227
High single (handicap): Avar Edwards 299; Vicki Ross 282
High triple: Ken Thompson 756; Jean Pugh 621
High triple (handicap): Ed McGrath 718; Jean Pugh 774

Thursday Afternoon Mixed

High average: Ken Thompson 226; Josie Cheesman 177
High single: Jerry Warren 253; Josie Cheesman 230
High single (handicap): Vern Chilton 286; Shirley Webb 264
High triple: Vern Chilton 596; Shirley Webb 581
High triple (handicap): Vern Chilton 722; Shirley Webb 729

Senior

High average: Matt Reinwald 196; Kelly Berry 170
High single: Matt Reinwald 239; Kelly Berry 234
High single (handicap): Matt Hogg 283; Kelly Berry 259
High triple: Trevor Clement 604; Kelly Berry 558
High triple (handicap): Matt Hogg 716; Kelly Berry 633



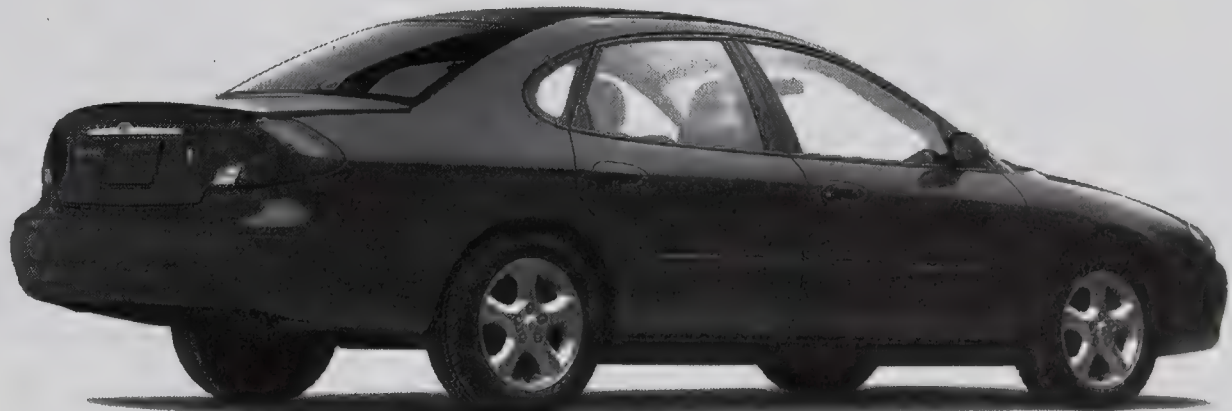
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Docs On Ice hockey tournament coming to the Highlands

The province's physicians are preparing to compete in the upcoming 18th Annual Hockey Tournament, "Docs On Ice". Between 600 to 700 doctors from 40 towns and cities will be closing offices and lacing up to skate for charity on April 13, 14 and 15. Games will take place at four arenas in the area -- Haliburton, Minden, Wilberforce and Bobcaygeon.

This year's goal is to raise between \$40,000 and \$70,000 for charity. The real winners will be the local populace, with a major donation going to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation and a badly needed 9-1-1 system.

This year's chairman, Dr. Pete Kujtan stated, "We are drawing attention to areas like Haliburton County, which need a 9-1-1 system because the natural beauty attracts numerous retirees".

Winning teams will also be bringing donations back to their local Canadian Cancer Society chapters.

The highlight of the three days of hockey will be a charity game against a group of NHL Old-Timers. Players include: Walt McKechnie, Ron Ellis, Glen Sharpley, Ron Stackhouse, Bernie Nichols, Norm Ullman, Mike Pelyk and others. 1999 Hockey Hall of Fame inductee, Scotty Morrison and the Stanley Cup will also be in attendance.

A banquet, Friday night, will feature Ron Ellis and memories of the Team Canada series. A limited edition print commemorating the tournament ideals of charity, camaraderie and sportsmanship has been commissioned and is being prepared by "Gretzky 99" artist Daniel Parry.

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The following is a list of scheduled regular meetings of the Sherborne, Stanhope, McClintock, Livingstone, Lawrence & Nightingale Transition Board:

DATE

Thursday, April 6, 2000
Thursday, May 4, 2000
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Thursday, August 3, 2000
Thursday, September 7, 2000
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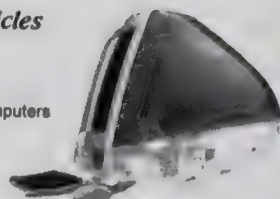
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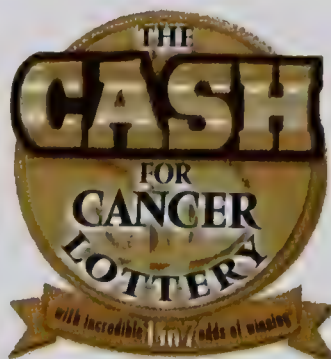
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Four charged in cottage break-ins

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day.

A Stanhope Township man has been charged with two counts of assault March 12 following an investigation by the police. The charges were laid after the man's common-law partner was punched in the face.

Break-ins

Members of the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police investigated a number of break-ins during the past week.

An older model Mastercraft snowblower was removed from a cottage shed on Sandy Bay

Road on Gull Lake. The incident was investigated March 12.

Break-ins were also reported at a cottage on Concession 12 in Harcourt Township and a residence on South Lake Road. Both incidents took place March 11. Nothing was taken in either break-in.

Somerville arrests

Four men have been charged with a variety of offences after they were arrested in a cottage on Reed Boulevard in Somerville Township.

Victoria County OPP were called to the location after neighbours no-

ticed a vehicle parked at the cottage. Police checked the licence plate and discovered the vehicle had been stolen from the Caledon area.

The police found four individuals in the cottage, two adults and two female youths, who were arrested and taken to jail in Lindsay. A check of nearby buildings revealed that nine other cottages in the area had also been broken into. Various pieces of electronic equipment and liquor had been taken from the cottages.

Darryl Currie and Joel Mongrain, both 18, of Brampton, are charged with nine counts of break and enter and two counts of possession of stolen property. Currie also faces charges of breach of probation and breach of recognizance. Mongrain also faces a charge of taking a motor vehicle without consent.

The young offenders face eight charges of break and enter and two charges of possession of stolen property.

Circus is hard on soccer pitch

(from page 4)

have to close down the soccer league for a year." He also pointed out that allowing the annual visit of the tent circus to take place on the soccer field is not helpful to the turf. "It is always the hottest, driest time of the year when the circus comes." The impact of the circus, plus what the animals leave behind, can't be good for the field, he suggested. It was proposed the circus could be accommodated on land at the airport.

Fire agreement

The council will schedule a special meeting to consider the details of a fire agreement with the Ministry of Natural Resources. Fire Chief John Hogg advised the council that the fire season starts April 1 and if the township wished to be a part of the agreement it might want to consider signing it by that date. Since the agreement was introduced several years ago, the municipality has not been a part of it.

The agreement involves the sharing of responsibilities between the ministry in exchange for protection against the cost of fighting wildfires in remote locations or on Crown land. It is the high cost of calling in water bombers, and flying in fire fighting crews that prompted council to take another look at the agreement.

In the past, the council has said certain clauses in the agreement were unclear and the municipality therefore was reluctant to sign it. Efforts to have the points clarified have not been successful.

It was pointed out that because of the kind of forest cover, terrain and the large number of lakes and other water courses, it is unlikely the area would experience a major wildfire. Sherborne et al, the municipality with which Stanhope will be amalgamating next year, has signed the agreement in the past. Its jurisdiction includes a much larger portion of Crown land than that found in Stanhope Township.

"We want to take a closer look at what is entailed in this agreement before we sign it," Reeve Harrison commented.

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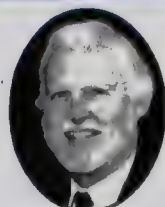
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No increase for Victoria County budget

report prepared by Victoria County
Warden John Macklem

The 2000 County of Victoria Budget was approved, freezing the General Tax Rate at 1999 levels.

Without a general tax increase, the 2000 County Budget still manages to address the backlog of capital projects facing the County. More spending will be devoted in 2000 to capital works, and the funds are coming from a combination of:

A) 1999 operating surplus amounts and

B) a 50% phase-out of special grants given in 1999 to local municipalities to assist them with reduced CRF subsidy from the province.

There was an increase in the County Library tax rate from 0.000177 to 0.000197 for residential property, and a corresponding increase in the Library tax rate for properties of other classes. This increase applies only to those municipalities which participate in the County Library System.

The combined General and Library tax levy for 2000 will raise \$23,000,000 compared to \$22,778,000 raised by the combined 1999 levy.

Instalment payments are due from the local municipalities to the County on a quarterly basis as per the Municipal Act, with the first installment due on March 31.

In addition, the County of Victoria will be paying out grants in 2000 to its local municipalities to cover the tax rebates that they must provide to certain non-residential properties under Bill 79, for the year 2000. This is the third and final year of tax relief under Bill 79 for those commercial, industrial and multi-residential properties that qualified for rebates. The County will use its reserves to make these grants to local municipalities.

The Province has not yet announced what, if any, tax relief will be extended to these properties beyond the year 2000, (i.e. their follow-up to Bill 79).

Finally, by resolution, County Council supported the restructuring proposal submitted by the Township of Bexley, Townships of Laxton, Digby and Longford and the Township of Somerville.

Social Services Highlights

Social Assistance cases are continuing to be lower than last year's numbers. We are finding that more people are finding employment and this is having an influence on our caseload numbers. Our caseload is lower than last year at this time, and lower than anticipated for January 2000.

County Council has approved funding for "In-home Medically Fragile". This subsidy is for children who are unable to attend a child care centre or private home child care because of health problems. This subsidy will assist parents with the special child care when both parents are going to school or working. This subsidy is needs tested.

Waste management

County Council approved the one-day Household Hazardous Waste Collection days at the following locations, dates and times:

• Victoria County Lindsay Roads Depot, 2094 Little Britain Road

(County Road 4) on Saturday, May 6, 2000 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

• Fenelon Falls Works Yard, 15 Industrial Park Drive on Saturday, May 6, 2000 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

• (former) Coboconk MTO Works Depot, 2863 County Road 48 on Saturday, June 24, 2000 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Waste Management Department is pleased to announce that County Council has approved a permanent Household Waste depot with year-

round service to divert more quantities of hazardous materials from the landfill sites. Staff will be making an application to the Ministry of the Environment for a certificate of approval to locate the facility. It is anticipated that the depot will be approved and operational later this year. Watch for our grand opening!

Transportation and public works

County Council accepted the tender

of G.C. Romano & Sons, being the lowest of seven received. Work will start in July and finish in October to avoid interference with the fish spawning cycle. The new structure is designed to accept highway loading (eliminates the current weight restriction) and can accommodate two lanes of traffic instead of the current one lane restriction.

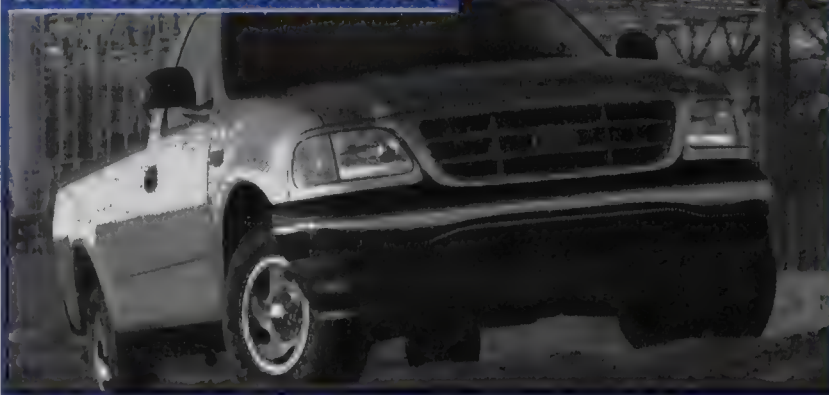
With the passage of the 2000 budget, approval is in place for over 50 km of road resurfacing, two road recon-

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Highlands Little Theatre ready to host four stage companies in annual EODL competition

by Caryl Moulton, special to The Times

We are ready. It is time for Curtain Up! The Eastern Ontario Drama League full length play festival opens on Wednesday, March 22 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion at the Haliburton High School and runs nightly through Saturday, March 25. Hosted by the Highlands Little Theatre, four community theatre groups will compete, with the winning play advancing to Theatre Ontario.

The first presentation on Wednesday, March 22 will be "The Inheritance" performed by the Lindsay Little Theatre. This original script, written by Gayle Greenslade-Lalonde, is directed by the playwright and Adam Barrett. The play takes place one afternoon in the kitchen and attic of Martha's home. It is set in the present with flashbacks to 1944. When Sara and her mother Linda arrive at the late Martha's home to clean it out, Sara discovers Martha's diary and dark family secrets are uncovered.

On Thursday, March 23 the Peterborough Theatre Guild presents "Death Chart", another original script, by Beth McMaster. Directed by Michael Waller, this

whodunit is set in Ontario in 1987 in the living room of the Toth home. Signs of the Zodiac convince Mark Toth that he must change the direction of his life. A surprise revelation in the second act makes every member of the cast a murder suspect.

The Belleville Theatre Guild presents "The Wake of Jamey Foster" by Beth Henley and directed by Phil Bowerman on Friday, March 24. Set in a small Mississippi town, the family of Jamey Foster, a failed poet who was kicked in the head by a cow while consorting with his mistress in a pasture, has gathered for his wake. None of the family liked the deceased — tempers flare, truths come forth. Everyone's life changes for the better in the wake of Jamey's untimely death.

Domino Theatre Inc. from Kingston presents "The Playboy of the Western World" by John M. Synge on Saturday, March 25. This play is a classic Irish drama written in 1907. Christopher Mahon believes he has murdered his father and in re-telling the story at the local pub, is worshipped as a hero.

Jane Carnwarth is the Festival adjudicator. She has had a very successful career as an actor, director,

teacher, adjudicator and writer. At present, Jane teaches acting for the Music Theatre Department at Sheridan College. She is also a writer/director/performer on R. Murray Schafer's ongoing wilderness-theatre project "And Wolf Shall Inherit the Moon".

All performances begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, Haliburton. Tickets are \$15 each or \$50 for all four plays, available at Cranberry Cottage in Haliburton or at the door each night of the performance. For further festival information, please call Donna Gagnon at 705-457-1885.

ASES students write stories, explore tall tales

by Julie Snell - ASES Press Club Member

For the past two months at various times, groups of students from grades 1 to 6 put their heads together to write an imaginative story.

These groups were involved in the scholastic create-a-book competition. Three or more students in each group put their imagination to the test. Each story was judged on inventiveness, story content, artwork quality, general appearance, as well as compatibility of text and the illustrations.

Mrs. Roodenburg's grade three group's book has been chosen to go to the Canadian Level to be judged. There were nine children involved and they produced an imaginative story with a mix of awesome artwork and poetry. Their story was about the Minden Sled Dog Derby. It started with a driver talking about his experiences in the derby and how he wanted his dogs to share their experiences. Each page included a picture of a dog with a thinking bubble over it's head showing scenery inside the bubble. The reason it was chosen was because it was different from all the rest.

Jared Gardner said, "We just had the idea in our heads and put it onto the paper."

Tanner Warburton said, "I feel happy that we won."

Alex Lopez remarked, "It feels great that our book went on to the Canadian judging level."

Jayden Jorgenson felt excited. Robbie Hicks thought it was cool. Shelby Moore felt really excited. While Tanisha Holmes and Emma Cox were happy as well.

All the books will be published in the school library for students to take out. Congratulations to all competitors. You all did a fantastic job!

Taller than Paul Bunyan Tall Tales

by Sarah Austen and Jennifer Goodwin, ASES Press Club

You've heard of the buddy reading and ancient Egypt but have you heard of tall tale studies?

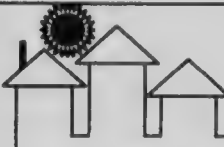
During this semester Mr. Johnson's 6A class started studying different types of literature. One of the literature genres was tall tales which began on January 10 and ended on February 10 with viewing the movie, "Tall Tale."

Each student studied a tall tale. Some of the stories they read were famous such as Davy Crockett and Paul Bunyan. After that they rewrote the tales into autobiographies and presented them to the grade 3 students who were also studying literature genres. After the stories were presented, the grade three's wrote tall tales of their own. Along with the reading and the writing, this project provided the chance to go to the library to research the characters in their tall tale.

One of the last activities the grade six students did was to compare tall tales. They watched a cartoon movie and a real life movie each about a tall tale character. Then they wrote which presentation they preferred and why.

Most of the students enjoyed the writing and other activities that came with the unit. Thank you to Mr. Johnson for making learning an enriched experience for the grade six students.

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Victoria County report

(from page 16)

struction projects, two new culvert structures as well as major maintenance on six County bridges. The budget's passage also confirms the higher levels of winter maintenance service that have been delivered to date.

Development department

Reporting period January 15, 2000 to February 15, 2000:

- responded to 107 requests for tour information;
- responded to 43 inquiries for information and advice from 32 existing or would-be businesses (23 businesses are located within the County and 9 business outside).

• responded to 105 planning advisory inquiries. Approximately 78% of the consents and 75% of other development inquiries were from County residents.

The County of Victoria, together with the Victoria-Haliburton Federation of Agriculture and members of the agricultural sector at large, will soon be establishing an "Agriculture Advisory Committee" to ensure that the concerns of the agricultural sector of Victoria County are addressed in future planning efforts and initiatives.

This initiative is in keeping with one of the recommendations in the Development Department's Sector-Based Economic Development Strategy.

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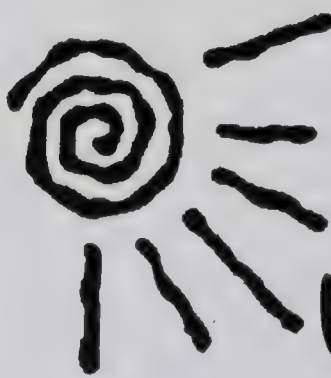
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'The system is broken and must be repaired'

(from page 8)

unfortunately did not "hold their cards" when it was obvious to all that the right was lost. The results were extra cost to the school in Coboconk and fines levied.

These Reeves have fought the good fight and basically lost, due to their lack of action during the last two and a half years. The Soap Opera has been going on for about 12 years and must now stop. If there were fewer personal insults directed at the Commissioner and more constructive proposals put forward, perhaps we would not be taking the issue to the courts, which will only benefit the lawyers.

Reckless action such as this on a report which has not even been written certainly affirms Mr. Kitchen's comment that "...the

system is broken and must be repaired." The last 12 years have seen various studies paid for by the taxpayers, totalling thousands of dollars. All were turned down by many County Councillors before even seeing the reports. The sit-com must end before the entire County is divided into the same senseless personal arguments with friends and neighbours and in some cases even families not talking.

It is the responsibility of the current elected representatives to work with the transition Council to achieve a workable and equitable government, benefiting the majority of Victoria County. Like Actual Value Assessment, there will be winners and losers, only because of the lack of action by the present municipal governments and a lack of

statesmanship at County Council.

The system of government which Mr. Kitchen implements will require the new Council members to learn to accept the will of the majority!

John Huke,
Somerville Township.

Correction

The Tartan Barter donated \$280 to the Minden Girl Guides, not \$100 as stated in the outline in last week's newspaper. Also Allison Lytle was mis-identified.

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Remember when

The Bowron homestead

by John Huklbig

One of the oldest log homes in the county is now located at the Minden County Town Museum. Unknown to most residents and passersby, the Bowron home was once hidden beneath Insulbrick siding with front and back additions constructed to suit its many tenants. It was located on land now occupied by the Home Hardware store, across from the Lions Medical Clinic. This was the home of Francis and Mary Bowron which they purchased in 1872.

Francis Bowron was an English teacher who, along with his wife, came to Minden in 1860 to teach in a new log school. Francis also conducted the first enumeration of the Minden area in 1861.

The original "Free Grant" patent for Lot 1, Concession A, consisting of one hundred and eleven acres, was deeded to Fred Haultain in 1864. The Bowron's purchased this land and house on May 7, 1872 for \$95. The land stayed in the family until 1934.

The Bowron's had four children: John, Anthony, William and Margaret. Upon reaching adulthood, Margaret married a trapper, William Gainforth, and lived near Haliburton. The three boys purchased land in Lutterworth Township. Most of their holdings were in the 11th and 12th Concessions, east and north of Denna Lake.

Through the years, parts of the Minden Bowron lands were severed. Purchasers of portions of the property included: John Graham (1920); James Norrie



(1920); Oscar Schrader (1934); Alfred Pritchard (1944); and Ruby Pritchard (1957).

In November of 1958, Ruth and Lorne Schmidt purchased the Bowron home which they enlarged and renovated. They loved the home and lived there until June 1980. It was then sold to Jack and Pat Brezina who also made some changes to suit the comforts of their family.

In 1988, the construction of Minden Home Hardware on this site provided the opportunity for the Bowron home to be moved on the Museum grounds and restored to its original condition. The home has been furnished in pioneer style and is open for visits during the summer season.

Snippets

• Did you know that Dr. Agnes Jamieson, (for whom Minden Art Gallery is named), was the first female coroner in Ontario. She was appointed in 1942. Dr. Jamieson moved to Minden in 1940 as our first lady doctor.

• Did you know that Minden became the official name in 1860. That was the year that the Post Office opened in the Buck Hotel.

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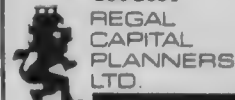


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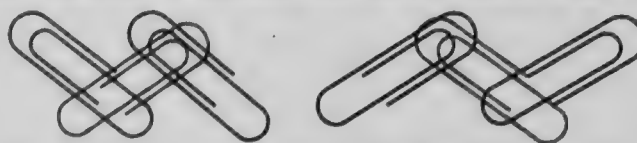


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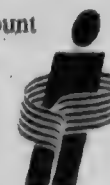
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BRUSH BEES: With spring just around the corner, members of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery Committee are getting ready for the coming season. Wielding paint brushes they have been touching up display units. Bending to the task at hand are, from the left, Morris Duff, Jeanne Anthon, Sue Reid and Claudio Mestroni. Gallery co-ordinator Diane Graham has announced that the first show of the 2000 season opens April 8 featuring the work of the students of Archie Stouffer Elementary School

Parents' Council helps guide HHSS decisions

Prepared by the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Parents' Council

What is a Parents' Council and why should you be interested?

Parents' Councils exist to establish partnerships between parents and the school, for the improvement of the students' education.

The council is comprised of 15 positions -- 12 elected (nine parents, one teacher, one non-teaching staff, and one student representative), two appointed community representatives, together with the school principal. All of these positions are voluntary.

Meeting the last Tuesday of each month during the school year, the council provides advice to the principal and, where appropriate, to the Board of Education.

Anyone from the community is welcome to attend these meetings. Discussions have covered a wide range of topics, including selection criteria for a principal, recommendations to the Ministry of Education regarding the role of Parents' Councils, assessment and evaluation of students, teacher advisory groups, community involvement for Grade 9's, failure rates, the role of students voting at board meetings, communication to parents, the adolescent health clinic and condom machines. Input has also been given pertaining to what extra-curricular student activities take place.

Why should you attend? Important decisions are being made about the many aspects of student life at HHSS. You can add your voice to these discussions which affect your child. Any item for discussion can be added to the agenda by notifying the chair ten days prior to the council meeting.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, March 28, starting at 7 p.m. at the high school. Plan to be there! If you need more information, please contact the school at 457-2950. Your Parents' Council Joanne Robichaud (Chair), Peggy Morgan, Cheryl Curry, Julia Robertson, Kim Burke, Heather Seabrooke, Mary Turner, Brian Plouffe, Amy Brandon, Steve Phillips, Debbie Sternberg, June Stewart, and Gary Brohman (Principal).

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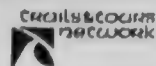
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The Proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its Regular Meeting at the Municipal Office, located three miles south of Minden on Highway #35, on the 13th day of April, 2000, at the hour of 4:00 p.m. and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard.

Dated at the Township of Lutterworth this 29th day of February, 2000.

(Ms.) Mary Jane Irwin, A.M.C.T.,
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Budget 2000 follows the responsible approach to tax cuts that has guided us in past budgets:

- while tax reduction must ultimately benefit all Canadians, it must primarily benefit those who deserve it most - middle and low-income earners, especially families with children;

- broad-based tax reductions should focus initially on personal income taxes;

- the business tax system must be internationally competitive; and,

- broad-based tax reductions should not be financed with borrowed money.

Under our Five-Year Tax Reduction Plan all Canadians - but especially low-and middle-income Canadians - will see substantial tax relief over the next five years. While our plan will reduce personal income taxes by an average of 15 per cent annually for

all Canadians, low- and middle-income Canadians will see reductions of at least 18 per cent. Families with children will benefit from tax cuts averaging at least 21 per cent. They will also benefit from a \$2.5 billion enrichment by 2004 that's being made to the Canada Child Tax Benefit - which will bring the annual total for the Canada Child Tax Benefit to more than \$9 billion.

Canadian businesses will also benefit from tax cuts that will encourage innovation and invest-

ment, and put all sectors of our economy on an internationally competitive footing. As a first step, we are lowering the tax rate paid by higher-taxed industries - mostly in the high-tech, services sectors - from 28 to 21 per cent by 2004. Additionally, small businesses with income between \$200,000 and \$300,000 will benefit from a 21 per cent corporate tax rate beginning January 1, 2001. Other steps we are taking include:

- lowering the capital gains tax by reducing the amount of gains included in income for tax purposes from three-quarters to two-thirds;

- postponing taxation on stock options, to when shares are sold - rather than when they are exercised;

- increasing the amount that investors can put into new ventures by allowing a \$500,000 tax-free roll-over for qualifying investments.

Budget 2000 will deliver at least \$58 billion in cumulative tax relief to Canadians over the next five years. This includes \$54 billion in personal income tax cuts and Employment Insurance premium reductions. Our cuts also meet the needs of business - so that Canada can continue to grow and innovate. There's no question. Canada is the place to be in the 21st century.

To contact your Member of Parliament concerning this article or any other subject please write to:

- 325 East Block House of Commons Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6, no postage is required.

- Internet: <http://www.halhinet.on.ca/oreillyj>

- E-Mail: oreilj@parl.gc.ca

Ottawa report

by John O'Reilly, MP



Phone: 705-286-1762
Fax: 705-286-1881

TRUCK AND EQUIPMENT OWNERS

Registration Forms for Tandem and Tri-Axle Trucks are now available at the County Roads Department for the 2000 Construction season.

Quotation Forms are also available to list Equipment for Hire.

Lowest or any Quotations not necessarily accepted.

Forms to be received at the Roads Department Office, on St. Germain's Street in Minden, no later than: Thursday April 6th, 2:00 p.m. local time.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LUTTERWORTH

PUBLIC NOTICE

File # SR-10/99 and RD-3/99

Take Notice that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Lutterworth, proposes to enact a by-law to stop up, close and convey to the abutting property owner a portion of the original allowance for road set out and described as follows:

Firstly: ALL and singular those certain parcels or tracts of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Township of Lutterworth, in the County of Haliburton and being composed of part of the original sixty-six foot shore road allowance along the shore of Gull Lake, lying in front of Part of Lot 10, Concession 11, and being more particularly described as Parts 14 and 15 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of the County of Haliburton as Plan 19R-6796.

Secondly: ALL and singular those certain parcel or tracts of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Township of Lutterworth, in the County of Haliburton and being composed of part of the original sixty-six foot shore road allowance along the shore of Gull Lake, lying in front of the original allowance for road between Lots 10 and 11 in Concession 11, and being more particularly described as Part 16 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of the County of Haliburton as Plan 19R-6796.

Thirdly: ALL and singular those certain parcels or tracts of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Township of Lutterworth, in the County of Haliburton and being composed of part of the original sixty-six foot allowance for road between Lots 10 and 11 in Concession 11 and being more particularly described as Parts 17, 18 and 19 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of the County of Haliburton as Plan 19R-6796.

The Proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its Regular Meeting at the Municipal Office, located three miles south of Minden on Highway #35, on the 13th day of April, 2000, at the hour of 4:00 p.m. and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard.

Dated at the Township of Lutterworth this 29th day of February, 2000.

(Ms.) Mary Jane Irwin, A.M.C.T.,
Clerk-Treasurer,
Township of Lutterworth,
P.O. Box 850,
Minden, Ontario
K0M 2K0

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LUTTERWORTH

PUBLIC NOTICE

File # SR-14/99

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The Proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its Regular Meeting at the Municipal Office, located three miles south of Minden on Highway #35, on the 13th day of April, 2000, at the hour of 4:00 p.m. and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard.

Dated at the Township of Lutterworth this 3rd day of March, 2000.

(Ms.) Mary Jane Irwin, A.M.C.T.,
Clerk-Treasurer,
Township of Lutterworth,
P.O. Box 850,
Minden, Ontario
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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LUTTERWORTH

PUBLIC NOTICE

File # SR-13/99

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Anticipation grows as time for move to new quarters draws near

Another week and we are getting closer to our big move. A little birdie has told us we can expect the big event to take place the week of April 10. It is bound to be a busy, busy time for everyone. There is going to be an information night (concerning the move) Friday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium here at Hyland Crest for all family members, residents and volunteers. Afterwards there will be a tour of the new facility, so mark your calendar.

Our last few days have been most enjoyable. Quite a few of us tucked into some really good fish and chips for our lunch last Thursday, (March 9). This made for a nice change. The following afternoon Cooper, Schell and Owens entertained us wonderfully at our Happy Hour. It was indeed a happy hour with a good crowd turning out for the old time country music. It was great fun and we thank our entertainers.

Over the weekend we welcomed Gord Kennedy

Minden W.I. March meeting

by Mary Cox, Women's Institute Secretary

The March meeting of the Minden Women's Institute was held at the Library Cultural Centre with the President, Jean Cox, welcoming everyone.

The roll call was answered by 15 members each naming an international organization and the services it provides.

Jean gave out the quilt blocks, which will be embroidered with members' names, past and present, for the wall hanging.

Thank you cards were read. Irene Moore reported sending ten cards. Collections for this and Pennies for Friendship were taken.

There will be a meeting at Jean Cox's on April 14 at 1 p.m. to work on the Tweedsmuir Books.

Jean introduced our speaker, Barry Butler, a native of Australia, who now lives in our area. His presentation of Australia was informative and interesting. Farming is the main industry in the central regions. Also there is some mining for gold. He showed us some beautiful opal stones. They have flying doctors there who treat people in remote areas, also Radio of the Sky for children from these areas to learn by listening to the radio. He showed us pictures of native animals and other items of interest. He was given a round of applause and a small token of appreciation.

The next meeting will be April 12 and all ladies are welcome. Delores and Irene served a delicious lunch.

OPP on the lookout for radar detectors

In recent weeks, three radar warning devices have been seized from different traffic stops by Ontario Provincial Police in Victoria County.

The police have cautioned individuals who chose to use a radar warning device. Several OPP units are equipped with radar warning device detectors, which are used on Victoria County roads.

If a driver is stopped and a radar warning device is seized, drivers will be issued a ticket for \$145 plus \$20 victim surcharge.

Take care and drive safely.

and his music with ice cream treats afterwards. Our treat wagon again made its journey around our home and we were pleased to have Reverend Burgess here for his visitations. Also visiting us was Rob Young. It was good to see him and catch up on the news. A terrific visit.

The monthly Residents Council meeting took place on Monday. Linda was invited to our meeting to let us know about the upcoming information night on the 24th regarding our big move. We have waited a long time for this and now it's almost here.

It was good to have Pastor Dan with us at Chapel on Tuesday morning. We were delighted that he brought Buddy with him. We had a good Pub Night with Gord Kidd this week. Lovely music. Thanks Gord we appreciate you spending time with us.

Now we are back to Thursday again. This afternoon there is a Saint Patty's celebration scheduled. Linda and Nancy will be our hosts and there is talk about a Blarney Stone. We know we'll have lots of fun and must tell you about it next week.

We extend a warm welcome to Mary Robinson who is our newest resident and we send birthday greetings to Margaret Feero who celebrates on March 24th. Happy Birthday Margaret, we hope you enjoy your day!

So that's it. Take care of yourselves and remember the information night on March 24. See Ya!

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For more information and viewing, please contact:

**Mrs. Shirley Kirk
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705-286-1762/1766**



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Commencing May 15, 2000 for a period of 16 weeks, to assist the parks Manager in the maintenance of our Parks. Hours of employment may include evenings and week-ends. Minimum G-2 Class Driver's Licence required. Qualified applicants are requested to submit a resume to the address outlined below, on or before, Friday, March 24, 2000 at 12:00 noon, in a sealed envelope, clearly marked, "Parks Maintenance Application"

**Township of Anson, Hindon & Minden
PO Box 359
Minden, Ontario
K0M 2K0**

We thank all applicants who apply; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



**HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

**The Haliburton Highlands Mental Health Services
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An opening for a permanent part time counsellor exists in our Mental Health Services program serving consumer/survivors of serious mental illness in Haliburton County and surrounding area. The counsellors will provide a range of services including, individual couple, family, and group therapy, as well as generic case management.

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- Degree in Social Work, Psychology, or related discipline (preferred)
- Significant experience and training in the area of severe mental illness
- A suitable combination of academic background, work experience, and relevant training may be considered
- Understanding of rural issues and the willingness to locate in Haliburton County

Please mail or fax your resume to:

**Foster Loucks, Executive Director
P.O. Box 115,
Haliburton, Ontario
K0M 1S0
Fax: 705-457-1071**

Deadline by: March 31/00

Around the County Town

by Nora Snyder (call 286-4450; email <mindenhouse@on.aibn.com>)

It is quite amazing to think we live in a village which was flooded by a beaver dam!! In this age of hi-tech, with all the modern conveniences, with so much evidence that we have 'controlled' nature, a simple letting-go of a beaver dam can cause so much havoc. What a humbling experience!! Of course we see the power of nature when horrendous storms of all kinds hit and the devastation that occurs but this was one beaver dam!!

Many I have talked to have a story about where they were when it happened. A lot of people slept through it. One person was standing at her kitchen window the next morning and saw a huge skating rink which wasn't there the night before. There wasn't one when she checked out the front window so what was this about? I looked out the window when it was happening, getting ready to go to bed and saw lights 'reflected' in the street?? It took a while to figure out what that was all about. Then all the fire trucks were on the scene, cars and people were all there, some removing some of their things out of their dwellings, and the water was reaching the river to spill into it. Who would have thought what caused it!! For those who were directly affected by it, it wasn't fun I am sure, but hopefully it will be a good story to tell their grandchildren!!

It's just another example of how you never know what is going to happen next!! So much is going on around us that we know nothing about. It is one of life's mysteries!!

I have learned more about the table and the Hewitts since last week's article. Earl Hewitt, age 91, called to say he was happy to see I had found the right family. He is a nephew of A.J. Hewitt, and told me more about his uncle, Albert James Hewitt. He thought the table might have been in the family home until 1940 when Grandfather James died and everything was sold along with the table. Gladys Wruth thinks not. She was at the sale and does not remember it there and is almost certain it was at St Margaret's Island on Lake St. Nora where my father inherited it when he bought the island. Earl told me of the James Hewitt home, across

from the cemetery and St. Stephens Church. It is built of stone, is three stories high, has seven bedrooms and two basements. Albert helped his father build it and his name is there, as his name is on everything he builds, dated 1901.

Irene Moore called to say that Albert did work for others as he built a chimney for her in 1937 which is in great shape to this day. She said Albert was known as 'quite a guy'!!

Earl Hewitt said he stayed at Minden House in 1932 when he first came to Minden on July 1 of that year. I asked where he had come from and he answered, "Boskung"!!

There is so much history, so much to learn!!

The Festival of Faith 2000 committee's next meeting is on Wednesday, March 22, 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Fatima Church. The committee is planning for the big event on July 15.

I hope your school break week was a good one. Not being in the school loop anymore, I wondered why there were so many kids around. Da!!! It takes me a while to catch on sometimes!!

Have a great week in our history-laden area and with the kids back in school!! See you here next week!!

SCORING NEWS

Thursday, March 9: Euchre at the Minden Legion, most lone hands were won by Verna McDonald and Norm Lee. Helen Skelding and Marcel Roussel won the top scores and Flo Roussel and Orval Francis took the lows. Other prizes were won by Maria Tschida and Maxine Cross.

Monday, March 13: At Kinmount, playing Bid Euchre, Sandy Robinson and Mildred St. Thomas were the two winners and Marjorie Paradis won the draw.

At the Minden Legion, playing Cribbage, Roy McDonald and Esther Lee were the winners and Gwen Cox and Ed Hisson won the two draws.

At the Friendship Club at St. Paul's

they had lots of fun!! It was the day to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and the birthdays of the month. Anne Richmond and Joyce Ritchie were celebrating with cakes made by Jeanne Keliele and Mary Colman!! Playing euchre, Roy Thompson won lone hands. Norm Lee and Jeanne Keliele were top scorers; Anne Richmond and Bill Mosley were lows. Isabel Cherwenka found the hidden score and Irene Shiels won the 50/50 draw.

In the evening, at Club 35, we finally see Ken Wallace's name in the winning circle, playing Euchre!! He won the 50/50 draw. Lots of Woolners again!! Cliff won lone hands and the baloney and Rhoda was low woman. In addition to the Woolners, Helen Henderson won high woman, Wally Harpur was high man and Olive Jones was 'low man'. There were two special awards that night too which went to Hilda Murrell and Paul Thompson.

Tuesday, March 14: Bid Euchre for Seniors at the Minden Legion played in the afternoon. The winners were Kevin Maloney, Pat Roussel, and Verna McDonald. Marie Dennie won the hidden score. Kevin Maloney, Marg McAfee, Norm Lee and Sharon Evans won the moonshots.

Bridge at Stanhope. Betty Culley and Caroline Beer bid and made a small slam. The top scores went to Betty Roszell in fourth with 3180; Dennis Baker in third with 3320; Theresa Carroll in second with 3600; and way out in front, in first, Betty Culley with 6160!!! There was a special award for the day, the B.I.T.D. which went to Morris Hansen.

A reminder again of Duplicate Bridge which is being played at Echo Hills Apartments on Friday afternoons.

At Gelert in the evening, playing Euchre, Reta Crofts and Isabel Saunders were high and low scorers. George Bartley and Harold Harvie did the same for the men. Harold Harvie went on to win the 50/05 draw and Gerald Hicks ended up with most lone hands.

Wednesday, March 15: Duplicate Bridge at Parklane used the Howell method of playing. Maria and Nick Lehoczy were first with the unheard of score of 67%!!! Congratulations!! Morris and Wynne Hansen were second with 53% and Elva Robinson with Cecile McLeod, third with 52.7 %

Good luck to you all in the coming week!!

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LUTTERWORTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Proposed Amendment to Zoning By-law 4-81 Township of Lutterworth

DATED: Thursday, April 13, 2000
TIME: 4:00 p.m.
PLACE: Lutterworth Council Chambers - Hwy No. 35, 3 miles south of Minden
APPLICANT: Gerald Gillespie
LOCATION: Part Lot 19 in Concession 7, 19R-6771, Parts 1, 2 and 6 and located on the southerly shore of Gull Lake.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To rezone the subject lands from the Shoreline Residential Type Two (SR2) Zone and the Rural (RU) Zone to the Shoreline Residential Type One Exception Two (SR1-2) Zone wherein the minimum lot area and frontage requirements for a dwelling house are 1.5 hectares (i.e. 3.7 acres) and 120 metres (i.e. 393 feet) respectively. The effect of the proposed amendment will facilitate the division of a parcel of land by consent to land severance to create one additional lot to be developed for the purposes of either a single detached dwelling or a seasonal residential dwelling. Through the rezoning of the lands within the Shoreline Residential Type One Exception Two (SR1-2) Zone the proposed amendment will also serve to fulfill a condition of the approval of the consent to land severance.

CONCURRENT APPLICATIONS: The lands affected by the proposed amendment are also the subject of an application for consent to land severance (i.e. H-668/99). Approval of the application for consent to land severance was granted by the County of Haliburton Land Division Committee on September 13, 1999 conditional upon the lands being rezoned within an appropriate zone classification.

REPRESENTATION: ANY PERSON may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed amendment.

If a person or public body, that files an appeal of a decision of the Townships of Lutterworth in respect of the proposed amendment to the Zoning By-law, does not make oral submission at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Lutterworth before the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment is adopted, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: relating to the draft By-law Amendment is available during regular business hours at the Lutterworth Municipal Office or by phoning 705-286-1541.

DATED: At the Township of Lutterworth this 20th day of March, 2000
(Ms.) Mary Jane Irwin, A.M.C.T.
Clerk-Treasurer

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WANTED

Minden United Church is seeking contractors interested in building a pedestrian ramp for our church. Copies of plans are available by contacting Ed Hisson at **286-2538**. Quotes are required by April 7th, with a realistic time frame for completion stated. Lowest or any other tender not necessarily accepted. 3BCD

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2000-01

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meeting Wednesday, March 29,
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session on March 29. Minimum
number required to join for ses-
sion to begin. Call 1-800-461-
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for

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April 8th, 2000

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We've been informed by the
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that the **Hawk Lake Chute
Project** has made it through sev-
eral "cuts" and remains in the
running for funding. We've been
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raise just a little more money.
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open house party for me on the
occasion of my 85th birthday and
to my son-in-law Ted, my grand-
children and great-grandchildren
and my good friends, your pres-
ence was appreciated. All the
cards, gifts and flowers were
lovely.

June Branning.

THANK YOU

We wish to thank our friends and
relatives who helped make our
50th Wedding Anniversary party
at the bowling alley a real success.
To all the ladies who helped our
girls make up the luncheon and
also the dinner at Doug and
Joanne's. A special thank you to
our family who organized every-
thing and to the girls at Jug City
who did a beautiful job of decorat-
ing our cake. Thanks everyone for
all the cards and gifts. Thank you
to the children for the album with
all the pictures. We shall always
remember this Special Day.
Love to all.

Dorothy and Ron Robinson.

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These annual work schedules are available for inspection at the ministry's Bancroft and Minden offices and the Bancroft Minden Forest Company's Office during regular business hours, beginning March 20, 2001.

The annual work schedules describe forest management activities (e.g. timber harvesting, road construction and maintenance, site preparation, tree planting, and tending) that may occur between April 1, 2000 and March 31, 2001.

All forestry operations have been previously planned and approved in a forest management plan.

A mapped summary of the scheduled forest management operations is available upon request by contacting the appropriate ministry office.

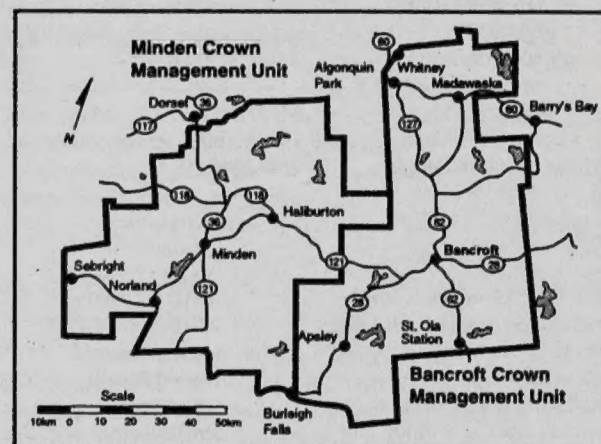
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For further information please contact:

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- Assistant By-Law Enforcement Officer** - for a period of 16 weeks, commencing May 15, 2000. Responsibilities include the patrolling of streets for parking infractions, canine control and some Parks and Recreation duties. Hours of employment will include evenings and week-ends. Enrollment in a Post Secondary School, Law Enforcement course, would be an asset. Minimum G-2 Class Driver's Licence required.
- Arena/Community Centre Labourer** for a period of 10 weeks, commencing June 26, 2000. Responsibilities include assisting in the maintenance and operations of the Community Centre, assisting the public with functions held at the Community Centre and general maintenance and upkeep of arena equipment and building. Hours of employment will include evenings and week-ends. Minimum G-2 Class Driver's Licence required.
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- Gallery/Museum Assistant** - 2 positions for a period of 10 weeks each, commencing June 26, 2000. Responsibilities include dealing with the public by greeting visitors and answering questions regarding the Gallery, Art Works and Museum Complex, as well as, helping to organize art exhibit openings, a large Quilt and Rug Show, the Artisans' Festival and artifacts displays. Hours of employment will include week-ends.

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